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TAGS:EAGR, ETRD, RP

SUBJECT: NEW RATTAN EMBARGO

REF: STATE 127175 OF JUNE 28, 1973

1. GERALD FICKS, JR., PRESIDENT, FICKS REED COMPANY,
CINCINNATI, OHIO, AND PAST PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF RATTAN MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS (IARMI)
ADVISED USDOC(OIM/EA) THAT GOP HAS RECENTLY IMPOSED NEW
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EMBARGO ON EXPORT RATTAN POLES BELIEVED SIMILAR TO RATTAN
EMBARGO OF 1973. FIRM IS LARGE U.S. EXPORTER RATTAN
FURNITURE WORLDWIDE. FICKS LEARNED OF NEW EMBARGO VIA
BUSINESS CONTACTS AND HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTA-
TION ANNOUNCING AND OUTLINING NEW EMBARGO. FICKS EXPLAIN-
ED PRESENT RATTAN INVENTORY ADEQUATE, BUT UNAVAILABILITY
OF RATTAN FROM PHILIPPINES WOULD RESULT IN U.S. FIRMS

BEING UNABLE TO FILL EXPORT ORDERS AND CLOSING OF FACTORIES. HE NOTED THAT INDONESIAN RATTAN IS UNUSABLE IN MANY TYPES OF RATTAN FURNITURE. (EMBASSY FYI: 1973 RATTAN EMBARGO ANNOUNCED IN TIMES JOURNAL OF JULY 28, 1973, ON PAGE 6. END FYI.)

2. DALE SIMMONS, PRESIDENT, FEANZA TRADING CO., LOS ANGELES, CA., AGENT AND IMPORTER OF RATTAN FROM PHILIPPINE

AND INDONESIA FOR U.S. FIRMS, ARRIVED PHILIPPINES FEB 13 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS CEBU IN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE SOURCE AND GOP JUSTIFICATION NEW RATTAN EMBARGO. FICKS SENT COMMERCIAL TELEX TO SIMMONS FEBRUARY 14 AT SUGGESTION USDOC TO CONTACT EMBASSY (LEE OR NUELLE) AND ADVISE RESULTS INVESTIGATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY: (A) DETERMINE WHETHER GOP HAS IN FACT IMPOSED NEW RATTAN EMBARGO, AND IF SO; (B) CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICES GOP AT LEVEL AND WITH EMPHASIS CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY EMBASSY TO EXPRESS CONCERN USG AND SEEK TO HAVE EMBARGO RESCINDED. HOPEFULLY, EFFORTS OF U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE AND EMBASSY MAY PERSUADE GOP TO RESCIND EMBARGO IN SAME TIME PERIOD AS IN 1973 (30 DAYS). ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL FURNISHED BY FICKS REGARDING 1973 EMBARGO BEING FORWARDED TO EMBASSY VIA AIR POUCH; AND (C) TELEGRAPHIC REPORT EMBASSY ACTION AND OUTCOME FOR USE IN REPLYING TO FICKS, IARMI, AND POUCH COPY NEW RATTAN EMBARGO.

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4. FYI: USG IS IN PROCESS OF NOTIFYING FOREIGN EXPORT RESTRICTIONS TO GATT NTM INVENTORY. NOTIFICATION WHICH INCLUDES EXPORT RESTRAINTS BY PHILIPPINES ON RATTAN, IS DESIGNED TO ILLUSTRATE PROBLEMS TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE CAUSED BY USE OF EXPORT RESTRICTIONS AND WILL FORM FACTUAL BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS ON USE OF EXPORT RESTRICTIONS, THE APPLICABILITY OF CURRENT GATT PROVISIONS, AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS IN THE MTN. END FYI.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ALL TRAFFIC SENT ATTN: OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETING DAMON LABRIE. HARTMAN

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